

No. M-13. An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Village of North Bennington.

(H.505)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves amendments to the charter of the Village of North Bennington as set forth in this act. The voters approved the charter amendments on March 3, 2015.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 251 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 251. VILLAGE OF NORTH BENNINGTON

Subchapter 1. ~~Boundaries and~~ Corporate Existence

§ 101. ~~BOUNDARIES AND~~ CORPORATE EXISTENCE

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~~(e) Shall~~ The geographical area as described in subchapter 14 of this chapter shall hereafter be known by the name of the Village of North Bennington, and by that name may have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, prosecute, and defend in any court, may have a common seal and alter it at pleasure, may purchase, take, hold, and convey real and personal estate for the use or benefit of said Village and generally shall have, exercise, and enjoy all the rights, immunities, and privileges, and shall be subject to the duties, liabilities, and obligations that are incident to public corporations in this State.

Subchapter 2. Annual and Special Meetings

§ 201. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION
OF PROPERTY TAXES

~~(a) Said~~ The Village may, at an annual or special meeting warned for that purpose as ~~herein~~ provided in section 202 of this chapter, lay a tax upon the ratable estate within the same, whether of residents or nonresidents, for any of the purposes ~~herein mentioned~~ set forth in this chapter, and the Board of Trustees shall make out a rate bill accordingly and deliver the same to the ~~Collector~~ Treasurer, who shall have the same power to collect such tax as ~~the collector of town taxes~~ a town treasurer has to collect like taxes in the towns and may in like manner levy on and sell property to satisfy the same ~~and for want thereof may upon proper warrant commit any person to jail against whom the Collector has such a tax and it.~~ It shall hereafter be the duty of the listers of ~~said the~~ the Town of Bennington in making the grand list of ~~said the~~ the Town to designate therein such of the ratable estate thereof as shall be within the limits of ~~said the~~ the Village.

~~(b) The Village may vote to adopt the provisions of chapter 30 of Vermont Statutes and amendments thereto relating to the collection of taxes by the Village Treasurer.~~

§ 202. WARNING OF ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a)(1) The annual meeting of the legal voters of ~~said the~~ the Village shall be held therein on the third Tuesday of March of each year at seven-thirty o'clock

in the afternoon ~~of said day~~ at the Village hall or at such place as the Board of Trustees shall, hereafter appoint, ~~and~~.

(2) The meeting shall be warned by posting in three public places in ~~said~~ the Village, at least 12 days ~~previous~~ prior to ~~said~~ the meeting, a notice calling the meeting and containing a statement of business to be transacted thereat; The notice shall be signed by the Clerk of the Village, or in case of his or her failure or neglect, by the trustees; ~~provided that if~~.

(3) If the annual meeting is not held, for want of the notice ~~hereinbefore mentioned~~ set forth in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, or for any other cause, the Village shall not thereby be prejudiced; ~~and~~.

(b) In addition, whenever 10 legal voters of ~~said~~ the Village shall so petition in writing, the Clerk, or upon the Clerk's neglect or refusal, the trustees, shall call a special meeting of ~~said~~ the Village and give notice of the same as provided for annual meetings.

(c) Any business may be transacted at an adjourned meeting, which under the warning might have been transacted at the original meeting; ~~and in~~.

(d) In all meetings of ~~said~~ the Village, none but the ~~inhabitants~~ residents thereof qualified by law to vote in ~~Town~~ Village meetings ~~and who have resided at least three months within the bounds of said Village~~ shall be entitled to vote.

§ 203. ELECTIONS AT ANNUAL MEETINGS

(a) ~~Said~~ The Village shall, at every annual meeting elect ~~for the ensuing year~~ a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, ~~Collector, and~~ three auditors. ~~At the first annual meeting of said Village there shall be elected three trustees whose term of office shall be for one year and two trustees whose term of office shall be for two years; and at every annual meeting thereafter there shall be elected two trustees for the term of two years, and one trustee for the term of one year, and such additional Trustees may be elected as are necessary to fill vacancies, and the number of trustees as are necessary to fill vacancies where terms of office have expired or a member has resigned, died, or been removed in order to make a full board of five trustees.~~

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Subchapter 3. Village Officers

§ 301. TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of office for all trustees shall be three years, staggered so that at least one trustee is elected at any annual meeting. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and auditors shall all serve a one-year term. The term of office of all the Village officers shall commence on the day following their election, unless otherwise provided ~~herein~~ in this chapter, and continue until their successors are chosen and qualified. The term of the Treasurer shall coincide with the Village's fiscal year (July-June).

§ 302. COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS

The compensation of the Clerk, and Treasurer, ~~and Collector~~ shall be fixed by the Village; the compensation of all other officers, servants, and employees of the Village shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees, except as ~~herein~~ otherwise provided in this chapter.

§ 303. BOARD OF TRUSTEES; GENERAL AUTHORITY

(a) The Board of Trustees shall have the general care and management of the prudential interests and affairs of ~~said the~~ the Village; shall assess all taxes and make out a rate bill accordingly; shall direct the expenditure of all ~~moneys~~ monies belonging to ~~said the~~ the Village, and draw orders upon the Treasurer and generally perform all the duties legally enjoined upon them by ~~said corporation~~ the Village, and shall submit their accounts and vouchers to the auditors at least three days before the annual meeting of each year.

(b) ~~Said~~ The Board shall have power to abate taxes laid or assessed by virtue of this ~~aet~~ chapter, and also all highway taxes assessed against tax payers of ~~said the~~ the Village, and to remit fines imposed for the violation of the bylaws or regulations of ~~said the~~ the Village, ~~and to discharge offenders from imprisonment for the same~~. The power of ~~said the~~ the Board to abate taxes shall be subject to the same limitations and may be exercised for the causes provided in ~~sections 3069 and 3070 of the general~~ sections 3069 and 3070 of the general Vermont ~~Statutes~~ law.

(c) The Board may create commissions and committees not now existing and appoint the members thereof. It may inquire into the conduct of any

officer, commission, or department and investigate any and all municipal affairs.

(d) The Board may fill any vacancy in any elective Village office, and a person so appointed shall serve until a successor is elected, but the Village may, at any time, at a meeting duly called for that purpose, fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

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§ 305. TREASURER ~~AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES~~

The Treasurer ~~and Collector of Taxes~~ shall perform for ~~said~~ the Village the same duties required by law respectively of a town treasurer and collector of town taxes and shall have the same powers, proceed in the same manner, be subject to the same liabilities, and give such bonds to the Village as the ~~trustees~~ Board of Trustees may direct. A failure to give such bond within 10 days from their election or appointment will render such office vacant.

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Subchapter 4. Board of Trustees

§ 401. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Trustees shall annually, at their first regular meeting, elect from their number a ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. They shall also appoint a Chief and two assistant engineers of the Fire Department, and may appoint a ~~Street Commissioner~~ Highway Superintendent and a Sewer Commissioner. All officers appointed by the Board shall be under its direction

and control and may be removed at its discretion. ~~Said~~ The Board shall cause a certificate of such appointment or removal to be recorded in the office of the Village Clerk. Any vacancy in an appointive office may be filled by the Board at any time.

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Subchapter 5. Fire Department

§ 501. FIRE CHIEF AND FIREFIGHTERS

(a) The Chief of the Fire Department, or in the absence of the Chief, the assistant engineer next in authority shall have power at fires to suppress tumults and riots, by force if necessary, to remove all effects endangered by such fire and protect the same from waste and depredation, to pull down or remove any building when the Chief deems it necessary to prevent the spreading of such fire, ~~and to require the assistance of any and all inhabitants of said Village for the purposes aforesaid,~~ and for such acts the Fire Chief and those acting under the Chief's authority shall not be held personally responsible.

(b) It shall be the Chief's duty, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, to inspect the manufacture or keeping of gun powder, lime, ashes, matches, lights, gasoline, fireworks, and other combustibles, and the construction and repairs of fireplaces, chimneys, and stoves within ~~said~~ the Village, and if the Chief deems the same dangerous to the safety of the inhabitants, the Chief shall by order in writing approved by the ~~trustees~~ Board of Trustees and

recorded by the Clerk and delivered to the person so conducting such manufacturing, keeping, construction, or repairs direct in what way to construct the same, and any person neglecting or refusing to obey any such order so made, recorded, and delivered shall be punished by a fine ~~of not exceeding \$50.00~~ as established by ordinance or bylaw with costs of prosecution.

(c) The duties of the Chief may also include ex-officio Fire Warden and Emergency Management Director.

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Subchapter 6. Streets and Highways

§ 601. ~~STREET COMMISSIONER~~ HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

The ~~Street Commissioner~~ Highway Superintendent shall, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees, have in charge the building and repairing of all the highways, streets, lanes, and sidewalks in the Village; the ~~Commissioner~~ Superintendent shall keep such accounts relating thereto as the ~~trustees~~ Board of Trustees may direct, and shall at all times have the same ready for inspection by ~~said the~~ the trustees or any of them, and furnish a copy thereof to the auditors when required at least three days before the annual meeting.

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Subchapter 7. Police Department

§ 701. POLICE DEPARTMENT; APPOINTMENT; DUTIES

(a)(1) The Board of Trustees ~~shall~~ may also ~~annually~~ appoint a Chief of Police and not more than five additional police officers, except on public occasions, when they may appoint such number of special police for that occasion as they may think necessary, by appointment in writing under their hands, who shall be qualified by taking the oath of office, and causing their ~~said~~ appointments to be recorded by the Clerk of the Village; ~~but any.~~

(2) ~~Any~~ such appointment may be revoked by the ~~said~~ the Board, in its discretion, which revocation shall also be in writing and be recorded by ~~said~~ the Clerk.

(b) ~~Such~~ The Chief of Police and other police officers shall, by virtue of their ~~said~~ appointment be constables, informing officers, and conservators of the peace within the Village, and may serve any criminal process throughout the County of Bennington returnable within ~~said~~ the Village or to the County Court within and for ~~said~~ the County of Bennington; and they may commit any person convicted of a violation of any bylaw, regulation, or ordinance of ~~said~~ the Village or any provision of this ~~act~~ chapter, or any law of the State, upon mittimus, to the common jail in Bennington County; and they shall be proper officers in justice criminal courts held within ~~said~~ the Village, with full power to empanel, draw, and summon jurors before such justice courts.

(c) ~~And such police~~ Police officers shall be entitled to receive ~~therefor~~ the same fees as constables would be entitled to receive for the same services.

(d) ~~Said police officer~~ Police officers shall have the same right to demand assistance from any person or persons which sheriffs and constables now have, and any person refusing to assist such police officer shall be subject to the same fines and penalties as now provided by law for refusing to assist a sheriff or constable.

Subchapter 8. Sewer, Water, And Light Systems

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§ 804. UNAUTHORIZED DIVERSION AND MALICIOUS DAMAGE

~~If any person willfully~~ Any person who shall willfully, wantonly, or maliciously ~~diverts~~ divert the water or part thereof of any of the ponds, springs, streams, aqueducts, water courses, or reservoirs, which shall be taken, used, or constructed by ~~said~~ the Village, or shall corrupt the same, or make it impure, or commit any nuisance therein, or shall bathe therein, or within the limits that may be taken or prescribed by ~~said~~ the Village pursuant to the provisions of this act, or maliciously injure or destroy any dam, embankment, aqueduct, pipe, reservoir, conduit, hydrant, structure, pump, machinery, or other property owned, held, or used by ~~said~~ the Village under the provisions of this ~~act~~ chapter, ~~he or she~~ shall be liable to ~~said~~ the Village, in treble damages therefor, to be recovered in an action of tort founded on this statute, ~~and any such person on conviction of either of the malicious acts aforesaid, shall be punished by a~~

~~fine not exceeding \$100.00 or imprisoned in the house of correction not exceeding six months and such.~~ Such action may be commenced and prosecuted by the Board of Water Commissioners in the name of ~~said~~ the Village.

§ 805. SEWERS AND DRAINS

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(c) ~~Whenever, after there has been established in said Village a system of water works so that the inhabitants thereof may have the right to obtain from such system water for culinary and domestic purposes, if~~ If in the judgment of the Board of Trustees the public good and necessity and convenience of individuals shall require the construction of a sewer system in ~~said~~ the Village or a sewer main through the principal streets thereof, ~~said~~ the trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out and construct such sewer system or sewer main and may from time to time extend the same as the public good and the necessity and convenience of individuals shall require, and when constructed, the same shall be under the care and control of the Board of Trustees or the Sewer Commissioner, as herein provided. ~~Said~~ The trustees are also authorized and empowered to lay out and construct ~~said~~ the sewer main or parts of ~~said~~ the system through lands of individuals or corporations, whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the public good shall so require, provided compensation for damages sustained by private individuals is made to them by ~~said~~ the Village.

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Subchapter 9. Bonded Indebtedness

§ 901. BONDING FOR WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS AND LIGHT
PLANT

~~Said~~ The Village at an annual or special meeting called for that purpose, is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money ~~at the rate of not to exceed five percent, per annum, payable annually or semiannually~~ for any of the purposes herein mentioned, including the construction and establishment of a water system, sewer system, and light plant, and to issue notes and bonds therefor, and such notes or bonds shall be signed by the ~~trustees~~ Board of Trustees and countersigned by the Treasurer of ~~said the~~ Village, and ~~if interest coupons are attached they shall be signed by the Treasurer; and the bonds or notes shall contain a statement that they were issued for the purposes mentioned and in conformity with the provisions of this act, and such statement shall be conclusive evidence of the same, and of the liability of the Village to pay such notes or bonds in an action by a person who in good faith holds the same. The Village Treasurer shall keep a record of every note or bond issued under the provisions of this act, therein stating the number and denomination of each note or bond, when and where payable, to whom issued, and the rate of interest thereon; and also shall keep a record of payments, interest, and principal, and if any coupons are taken up, shall deface the same payable at times and in a manner as the Board may direct. However, no vote~~

to borrow, or for the issue of orders therefor, shall be taken at any meeting for which the purpose is not specified in the warrants. Before the orders shall issue, a record thereof shall be made in a book kept for that purpose by the Treasurer.

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Subchapter 12. Bylaws and Ordinances

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§ 1203. FINES

(a) Said Village may impose a fine not exceeding \$100.00, for For the breach of any bylaw, rule, regulation, or ordinance, the Village may impose a fine as specified therein. The Court or Judicial Bureau shall impose the costs of prosecution in addition to the fine, in case of a conviction, and when it is necessary to abate a nuisance, the expense of abatement may be imposed upon the delinquent in addition to such fine and costs ~~and if any person violates any ordinance or bylaws of said Village, he or she may on conviction thereof, be imprisoned in the common jail in the County of Bennington not exceeding 60 days, in addition to or in lieu of said fine and costs, in the discretion of said Court.~~

(b) If any person while residing without this State and while owning real or personal property within the Village, shall with and by means of said the real or personal estate or by his or her agents and servants violate any of the ordinances which ~~said~~ the Village is authorized to make, the Village may sue

for and recover the penalty for violation of such ordinance in an action founded on this statute and shall proceed in the same manner as by law is now provided in civil actions against persons residing without the State.

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Subchapter 14. Appendix

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Beginning at a point on the south line of the Town of Shaftsbury where the present Village line turns south through lands of Colvin; thence running westerly along the south line of the Town of Shaftsbury along or through lands of Colvin, Jolivette, and Thurber to the west line of Thurber's land; thence running southerly along the west line of Thurber to the north line of West Street Extension, so called; thence running easterly along the north line of West Street Extension to the point of its intersection with the present Village line; thence continuing easterly and then northerly following the present Village line to the place of beginning.

Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

In order to transition to the provisions of Sec. 2 of this act, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 251, §§ 203 (Elections at Annual Meeting) and 301 (Terms of Office), that provide that trustees shall be elected to staggered three-year terms, at the 2016 annual Village meeting, two trustees shall be elected for a term of three years and one trustee shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, trustees elected at an annual Village meeting shall be elected as provided in Sec. 2 of this act, 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 251, §§ 203 and 301.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: February 24, 2016